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For: **MOLECULAR INTERACTION SITES OF INTERLEUKIN-2 RNA AND METHODS OF MODULATING THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Patent Office Communication mailed December 18, 2000 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Specification:

Not previously inserted in first → At page 147, line 27, after "CAAGCAUUUAUAGCUUGU", insert --(SEQ ID NO:14)--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims ~~31-34~~, ~~56-59~~, ~~81-86~~ and ~~108-113~~ as indicated below to incorporate sequence identifiers.